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From: Montgomery, Michael
Sent: Fri 5/15/2015 7:29:04 PM
Subject: RE: CA UIC

I wasn't but It sounds like OPA conveyed to her more or less what I conveyed to them. I left a voicemail for Peter G letting him know that this was coming up and how we planned to handle it. We have a draft desk statement going up to OPA shortly.

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Sent: Friday, May 15, 2015 11:21 AM
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FYI, are you in the loop on this?

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From: Strauss, Alexis
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2015 11:19 AM
To: Walsh, Ed
Cc: Maier, Brent; Woo, Nancy; Keener, Bill
Subject: CA UIC

Dear Ed,

Would you reach out to Jason Gray and let him know we (R9) are expecting a substantial amount of info from California's Div. of Oil & Gas (aka DOGGR) re CA UIC program implementation, which will likely be released by the State to the press and public on Monday. Although we won't have the State's submittal 'til late Friday evening, it may include an inventory of UIC wells needing further attention, a description of that universe (including steam-injection wells, etc), and a likely plan to "seek more information" from owners/operators of various categories of wells. This may engender a reaction from some NGOs as to why additional well closures are not imminent, and questions from the oil-and-gas interests about what lies ahead, and when.

While we don't have more specific info to convey at this time, I'm striving to avoid a repeat of last time when Jason read about a CA UIC development in the news media and was concerned that he hadn't heard about it from us. Our acting Water Director Nancy Woo and I can update you and OW when we have more substantive info.

Thanks, Alexis

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